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17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

18 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 23-CR-00021-JGB

20 Plaintiff,

OPPOSITION TO EX PARTE
APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER
TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
HONORABLE DOLLY M. GEE

21 v.

22 JASON EDWARD THOMAS CARDIFF,

23 Defendant.

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25 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through undersigned
26 counsel, opposes the request for an order transferring this case to
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1 the Hon. Dolly M. Gee, made by defendant, Jason Edward Thomas
2 Cardiff.

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4 Dated: December 26, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

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1 On December 21, 2023, defendant requested that, upon approval by
2 the Court, the Clerk of the Court be ordered to transfer this case to
3 the Hon. Dolly M. Gee. CR 34. Defendant listed several reasons for
4 this request, with the main thrust of his argument the tie the
5 instant criminal case has with a civil matter the Federal Trade
6 Commission asserted against defendant and his company, FTC v. Jason
7 Cardiff et al., Case No. 5:18-cv-02104-DMG.

Pursuant to General Order 23-15, upon the filing of the
Indictment, the government was not required to send notice to the
Clerk of the Court of the related civil case. The General Order, nor
the Local Rules, do not contemplate such an occasion - when a civil
case is related to a subsequent criminal case. As such, both the
General Order and Local Rules are inapplicable to the present
situation.

15 As such, the government therefore opposes the defendant's
16 request. However, the government is in no position to comment on
17 whether the case should be transferred voluntarily, pursuant to
18 Section II.C. of General Order 23-15.

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